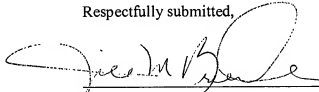


**Remarks**

Entry of this amendment and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Claims 1-24 remain pending. By this amendment, a typographical error in SPCG of FIG. 2 shown on Sheet 2/5. In addition to replacement sheet 2/5, an annotated sheet is presented showing changes to SPCG in red.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes any issue could be expeditiously resolved through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jill M. Breedlove", is written over a horizontal line.

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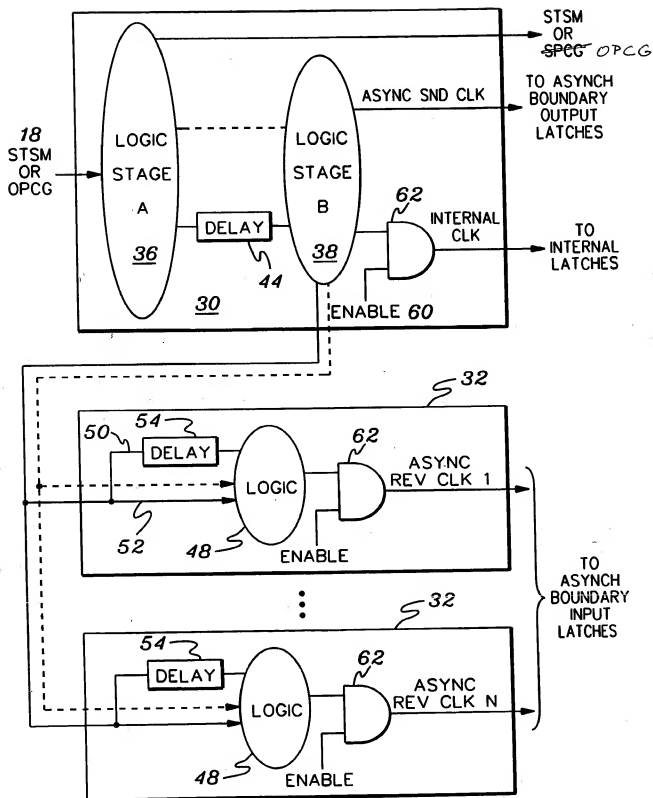


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